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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: BALANCING SHAFT FOR AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE AND  
A METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

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Customer Number: 000041288

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attn: Mail Stop PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims,  
which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.